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Masanori MASUDA	:	Patent Art Unit: 3748
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For: ROTARY FLUID MACHINE	:	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH CERTIFICATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. A copy of the non-U.S. patent is attached.

I hereby certify that each item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

No fee is believed to be required in view of the above certification. However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to charge payment of the Petition fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) *if required* and any other fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836.

Chinese Patent Publication No. 1143061 appears to disclose a small sized compressor having a circulator space (52), into which a ring gear (53) is fitted. Since the operation ring (43) of the rotator (41) is smaller than the compression chamber (54) and greater than the circulator vane (56) air is allowed to be compressed by varying the closed volume by means

of cam movement. U.S. Patent No. 6,676,392 appears to be part of the same patent family as Chinese Patent Publication No. 1143061, and thus, is being attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience. Also, International Patent Publication No. WO 00/65236 which is believed to be an international counterpart of CN 1143061, and thus, is being construed as being cited by the foreign patent office in accordance with MPEP §609.04 (b) on page 600-159.

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